

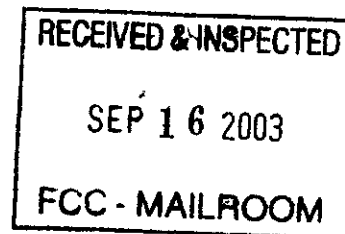


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00-256

RE: Commission Certification of Carrier Eligibility for Federal High Cost Support
in Compliance with 47 C.F.R. § 54.314.

Dear Ms. Dortch and Ms. Flannery:

The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) has adopted a requirement that state commissions must file an annual certification with USAC and the FCC stating that all federal high-cost fund (HCF) support provided to carriers in their respective states will be used only for the intended purposes.¹ The FCC did not specify a mechanism pursuant to which that certification is to be accomplished. Rather, the FCC left it open for the state commissions and the affected carriers to develop an appropriate mechanism.

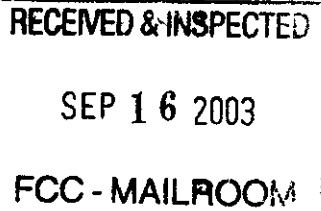
The Commission received sworn affidavits from the carriers identified in the enclosed list. The list identifies the name and study area as identified by USAC and matches it, where possible, with the name of the carrier that provided the sworn affidavit and its state utility identification number. All eligible telecommunications carriers receiving or projected to receive HCF support in the first quarter of 2004 have submitted affidavits.

In its sworn affidavit, each carrier states:

4. Carrier files this affidavit in compliance with the Federal Communications Commission's order of May 23, 2001, in Docket No. 96-45, which requires states to certify to the Federal Communications Commission that all Federal High-Cost Support within this state be used only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended.

¹ In the Matter of Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service, CC Docket No. 96-45/CC Docket No. 00-256, Fourteenth Report and Order, Twenty-Second Order on Reconsideration, and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking in CC Docket No. 96-45 and Report and Order in CC Docket No. 00-256 (FCC 01-157) (released May 23, 2001).

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5. Carrier hereby states that it will use the Federal High Cost Support Funds only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended pursuant to § 254(e) of the Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996.

Relying on these sworn affidavits, the Commission certifies that all the federal HCF support funds received by these Wisconsin companies will be used for only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended pursuant to § 254(e) of the Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996.

Questions regarding this matter may be directed to Jeff Richter of our staff at (608) 267-9624.

Dated at Madison, Wisconsin, September 5, 2003

By the Commission:

Lynda L. Dorr
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Secretary to the Commission

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Enclosure

cc: Records Management, PSCW
Nick Lester, Wisconsin State Telecommunications Association

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WSTA Member Companies & PSC-USAC Number & Date Affidavit Received

AMERY TELCOM INC	150	330842	08/04/03
AMHERST TELEPHONE COMPANY	170	330843	08/08/03
BADGER TELECOM, INC	300	330844	07/30/03
BALDWIN TELECOM, INC	330	330846	07/28/03
BAYLAND TELEPHONE, INC	390	330925	07/29/03
BELMONT TELEPHONE COMPANY	450	330847	07/30/03
THE BERGEN TELEPHONE COMPANY	470	848	07/30/03
BLACK EARTH TELEPHONE COMPANY	540	330849	07/30/03
BLOOMER TELEPHONE COMPANY	590	330850	07/30/03
BONDUEL TELEPHONE COMPANY	640	330851	07/30/03
BRUCE TELEPHONE CO, INC	820	330855	08/08/03
BURLINGTON, BRIGHTON, & WHEATLAND TELEPHONE CO	850	330856	07/30/03
CENTRAL STATE TELEPHONE COMPANY	1020	330859	07/30/03
CHEQUAMEGON TELEPHONE COOPERATIVE, INC	1070	330860	08/01/03
CHIBARDUN TELEPHONE COOPERATIVE INC	1090	330861	07/30/03
CITIZENS TELEPHONE COOP INC	1130	330863	08/01/03
CITIZENS TELECOMMUNICATIONS COMPANY OF ILLINOIS	1132	341183	07/29/03
CLEAR LAKE TELEPHONE COMPANY INC	1170	330865	07/28/03
COCHRANE COOPERATIVE TELEPHONE CO	1230	330866	07/31/03
COON VALLEY FARMERS TELEPHONE CO	1350	330868	07/31/03
RHINELANDER TELEPHONE COMPANY(CRANDON)	1410	330870	07/29/03
RHINELANDER TELEPHONE COMPANY(HEADWATERS)	1410	330891	07/29/03
RHINELANDER TELEPHONE COMPANY(RHINELANDER)	1410	330940	07/29/03
RHINELANDER TELEPHONE COMPANY(RIB LAKE)	1410	330941	07/29/03
CUBA CITY TELEPHONE EXCHANGE COMPANY	1460	330872	07/30/03
DICKEYVILLE TELEPHONE CORPORATION	1630	330875	07/30/03
CENTURYTEL OF FAIRWATER-BRANDON-ALTO, INC	1910	330877	08/07/03
FARMERS INDEPENDENT TELEPHONE COMPANY	1940	330879	07/30/03
FARMERS TELEPHONE COMPANY	1960	330880	07/30/03
CENTURYTEL OF FORESTVILLE, INC	2050	330884	08/06/03
CENTURYTEL OF CENTRAL WISCONSIN LLC	2055	331159	08/06/03
HAGER TELECOM, INC	2420	330889	07/31/03
HILLSBORO TELEPHONE CO, INC	2560	330892	07/26/03
CENTURYTEL OF THE MIDWEST-KENDALL, INC.	2815	330924	08/06/03
CENTURYTEL OF WISCONSIN, LLC	2930	330895	08/06/03
LAKEFIELD TELEPHONE COMPANY	2970	330896	07/29/03
CENTURYTEL OF LARSEN-READFIELD, INC	3070	330898	08/06/03
LAVALLE TELEPHONE COOPERATIVE, INC	3090	330899	07/29/03
LEMONWEIR VALLEY TELEPHONE COMPANY	3110	330900	07/31/03
LUCK TELEPHONE COMPANY	3230	330902	07/30/03
MANAWA TELEPHONE COMPANY, INC.	3310	330905	07/29/03
MARQUETTE-ADAMS TELEPHONE CO-OPERATIVE, INC	3400	330908	07/31/03
MID-PLAINS, INC.	3650	330881	07/30/03
MIDWAY TELEPHONE COMPANY	3660	330909	07/30/03
MILLTOWN MUTUAL TELEPHONE COMPANY	3690	330910	07/30/03
FRONTIER COMMUNICATIONS OF MONDOVI	3790	330912	07/29/03
CENTURYTEL OF MONROE COUNTY, INC.	3810	330913	08/06/03
EASTCOAST TELECOM, INC	3880	330914	07/30/03
THE MOSINEE TELEPHONE COMPANY	3900	330915	07/31/03
MOUNT HOREB TELEPHONE COMPANY	3940	330916	08/07/03

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MT VERNON TELEPHONE COMPANY	3970	330917	07/30/03
NELSON TELEPHONE COOPERATIVE	4070	330918	07/30/03
NIAGARA TELEPHONE COMPANY	4160	330920	08/12/03
NORTHEAST TELEPHONE COMPANY	4210	330938	07/29/03
CENTURYTEL OF THE MIDWEST-WI INC /CENCOM	4260	330841	08/06/03
CENTURYTEL OF THE MIDWEST-WI INC /CASCO	4260	330857	08/06/03
CENTURYTEL OF THE MIDWEST-WI INC./NORTHWEST	4260	330922	08/06/03
CENTURYTEL OF THE MIDWEST-WI INC./PLATTEVILLE	4260	330922	08/06/03
CENTURYTEL OF THE MIDWEST-WI INC /THORP	4260	330959	08/06/03
CENTURYTEL OF THE MIDWEST-WI INC /WAYSIDE	4260	330970	08/06/03
GRANTLAND TELECOM, INC	4580	330930	07/30/03
CENTURYTEL OF SOUTHERN WISCONSIN, INC	4590	330931	08/06/03
INDIANHEAD TELEPHONE COMPANY	4860	330936	07/31/03
PRICE COUNTY TELEPHONE COMPANY	4870	330937	07/31/03
RICHLAND-GRANT TELEPHONE COOPERATIVE, INC.	5080	330642	07/29/03
RIVERSIDE TELECOM, INC	5140	330943	07/30/03
FRONTIER COMMUNICATIONS ST CROIX	5210	330944	07/29/03
SCANDINAVIA TELEPHONE COMPANY	5280	330945	07/30/03
SHARON TELEPHONE COMPANY	5340	946	07/31/03
SIREN TELEPHONE COMPANY, INC	5490	330949	08/01/03
CENTURY TEL OF NORTHWEST WISCONSIN, INC	5530	330950	08/06/03
SOMERSET TELEPHONE COMPANY INC	5560	330951	08/04/03
SOUTHEAST TELEPHONE COMPANY OF WISCONSIN, INC	5570	330952	07/30/03
SPRING VALLEY TELEPHONE COMPANY, INC	5660	330953	07/31/03
STATE LONG DISTANCE TELEPHONE COMPANY	5680	330955	07/26/03
STOCKBRIDGE & SHERWOOD TELEPHONE COMPANY	5710	330954	07/30/03
CENTURYTEL TELEPHONE USA OF WISCONSIN LLC	5846	331155	08/06/03
TENNEY TELEPHONE COMPANY	5850	330958	07/30/03
TRI-COUNTY TELEPHONE COOPERATIVE, INC.	5950	330960	07/31/03
UNION TELEPHONE COMPANY	6000	330962	07/30/03
UTELCO INC	6030	330963	07/30/03
CENTURYTEL OF NORTHERN WISCONSIN, INC.	6040	330956	08/06/03
FRONTIER COMMUNICATIONS OF WISCONSIN	6050	330964	07/29/03
VERNON TELEPHONE COOPERATIVE	6090	330966	07/31/03
FRONTIER COMMUNICATIONS VIROQUA INC	6150	330967	07/29/03
WAUNAKEE TELEPHONE COMPANY	6250	330968	07/30/03
WEST WISCONSIN TELCOM COOP INC	6440	330971	08/01/03
WITTENBERG TELEPHONE COMPANY	6750	330973	08/07/03
WOOD COUNTY TELEPHONE COMPANY	6770	330974	07/30/03
Member's CLECs			
BAYLAND COMMUNICATIONS, INC	387	339004	07/29/03
CHEQTEL COMMUNICATIONS INC	1065	339003	08/01/03
CTC TELCOM, INC	1455	339001	07/30/03
SHARON TELEPHONE COMPANY CLEC	5340	7747	07/31/03
24-7 TELCOM	7073	4855	08/01/03